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ROOSEVELT IN DANGER

ELEPHANT RAMPAGES
Ex-President Has Thrilling Experience in African Wilds.

(Special Correspondence.)

AFRICA, middle-distance section, October 2.—Colonel Roosevelt had an awful experience yesterday. To cap the hair-raising experience, Kermit nearly missed getting a photograph of the scene. While stalking elephants in an orchard near this place in company with Cunningham, the ex-President shot and killed a large bull elephant. Cunningham fired the gun. Unnoticed, another large bull elephant approached Mr. Roosevelt on the mauka side and charged. Was almost three hundred yards away, and Roosevelt jumped behind tree and struck pose barely in time to catch photograph. Cunningham fired at beast and attracted his attention. Roosevelt upbraided him for this and resumed the spot light. Beaters had awful job in making elephant approach near enough to get in same picture with Roosevelt. Messenger dispatched to night to nearest cable office. Ex-President is still writing, although the hour is late. Wants to know where his policies are.

Letters From the People.

[Ed. Note.—The following epistle has been addressed to us by an anonymous writer signing himself J. Q. and purporting to be connected with the municipal government. We print it in full, as its lucidity and clearness will help spread facts not hitherto known.]

Editor Weekly Spigot:—There are no roads like the roads on Oahu. They are better than those on Hawaii. I went out in my automobile last week just after a rain and the result was wonderful. The citizens of the island should be proud of the roads. No where was there mud. In Palolo I met the Oldest Inhabitant, who is a crank on roads. He said they are no good. He said he cut his whiskers off to keep them from getting muddy. He is a nuisance. The Road Committee has the honor to report that they believe that this road should be repaired as soon as possible, but we have no funds. Major Cree desires a road to Diamond Head. The road to Kalihi is unsurpassed. John Wilson is a grafter. Eyelet got his feet wet there. Again I say there are no roads like the roads on Oahu. Respectfully, J. Q.

TERRITORY WINS IN SCOTT CASE

School Teacher Fails to Recover the Year's Pay She Claims Was Due Her.

Mrs. Nettie L. Scott has lost her suit against the Territory which she instituted to recover the \$1500 she claimed was due her for the year's work as principal of the Honolulu School which she has never done, having been transferred by the board of public instruction. The opinion of the supreme court that decided the matter was by Chief Justice Hartwell.

In rendering the judgment, the court says, "Under the rules and regulations of the department, a teacher may be transferred from one school to another when it shall seem that the efficiency of the department will be promoted thereby." The court has no power to review the action of the department in transferring teachers unless perhaps to inquire whether the action was taken arbitrarily, or, as it appears from the evidence to be the case, in good faith.

The reasons for the transfer to which Mrs. Scott so objected are given in the notification she received from Superintendent Babbitt after refusing to accept another principalship. The letter is as follows:

"Dear Madame:—This is to formally notify you that after the hearings regarding Honolulu School, given yourself and Mrs. Maydwell and numerous friends of both, the decision of the department of public instruction was, as you were orally notified on September 7, that the best interests of the department demand that you be transferred to some other school."

SALUTATION.

We are here. As an eminent attorney of this burg says, we are here with a loud noise. Realizing that the city needed a progressive paper, enterprising citizens have kindly donated the funds to launch the Weekly Spigot on condition that we start an agitation for subscriptions to support Mayor Fern, Supervisor Aylett and the telephone ordinance in the home for incurables. We understand that a well-known ex-governor stands ready to head the list. But that is another story. As we intimated before, we are here. Our purpose in coming hence is to provide the public with the true representation of worldly events, which have been grotesquely caricatured by the subsidized press of a country in the grip of political expediences and nauseous subterfuges. This doesn't sound quite right, but we copied it from an afternoon daily contemporary which is considered authoritative and original. We like to be original. Because of this, stupendous stipends will be expended in preparation for the amazing of the news of current misinformation by a staff of world-known wonders. Interviewers of invulnerable insight have been secured to scour the terrestrial globe for the opinions and stories of notables in the public eye and to remorselessly remove all which are inclined to make it fester. As Joe Cohen has just called for the circus posters he so kindly loaned, we will be forced to close.

Literature and Drama.

The Editor has been somewhat perplexed over the following cables received during the week, but he can only ascribe them to a tangle in press agents. We submit them for the public to pass upon:

New York, October 25.—Nat Goodwin is suing for a divorce.

Chicago, October 26.—Edna Goodrich (Mrs. Goodwin) has refused a contract because it does not meet with the approval of her husband.

New York, October 27.—Scandals of the worst character are scheduled to appear in the impending divorce suit instituted by Nat Goodwin, the famous actor.

Chicago, October 28.—Although the nature of the contract refused by Edna Goodrich has not been made public, it was supposed to include a yearly salary of \$80,000. Nat Goodwin, however, is rumored not to have considered it sufficiently moral.

New York, October 29.—The secret is out. In a statement issued today, Nat Goodwin charges his wife with the most scandalous conduct, utter disregard of his wishes, and general unwifely conduct. It is understood that Goodwin is preparing to place a splendid company on the road, he himself starring in the principal role.

Chicago, October 30.—The secret is out. The contract offered to Edna Goodrich was for a two years' tour in the greatest play of the age at an unheard-of salary, and the globe was to be circled before the contract ended. It was refused at her husband's request, and she will start the coming season in a great, but less pretentious, play. Her fidelity to her husband's wishes is the talk of the town.

New York, October 30.—Goodwin has fired his press agent.

PRESIDENT IS GETTING THIN

Strenuous Trip Is Telling on Chief Executive—Smile Still Fat.

(By Special Greased Wire to the Weekly Spigot.)

Somewhere between Austin, Texas, and Louisville, Kentucky, October 30.—For the first time I have been able to get word by the secret service guards around the Chief Executive as to the real condition of the well-beloved and cheerful frame of our President. Colored newspaper accounts have misled the common people as to his real condition, for it is feared that the knowledge of the culinary preparations in the White House going on to restore him to his former proportions will cause prices to rise to a panic point.

He has been getting thinner every day and each town has entertained less of him. His avoirdupois is scattered over three-quarters of the Great Circle, and North Carolina is preparing to entertain nothing more than his smile. His smile has been rightly dubbed the smile that won't come off, for not once has it faded from his face, but his face is gradually fading from it.

Hitchcock, when interviewed by long distance this evening, stated that no matter what happened, a vigorous attempt would be made to recollect the smile in 1912. "The Nation can not afford to be without it," said Mr. Hitchcock. Spenser Cannon, interrupted while studying statistics of the Mississippi Valley in order to ascertain how to frame his speech on inland waterways at Hay Corners, stated that the Nation can not afford to keep it. "How can we," asks Uncle Joe, "take that smile in its present rundown condition and again surround it with the scenery that has become identified with it? It would raise the National Debt to bankruptcy heights."

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AWFUL WAR IS NOW ON

Central American Powers Clash in Bloody Conflict.

[Ed. Note.—Upon hearing that war had broken out between Salvador and Nicaragua, we immediately dispatched Richard Hardly Peevish to the scene. He has not yet arrived and we are dependent upon the cable. We trust to hear from him next week.]

Bluefields.—War will soon be declared.

Panama.—War might be declared.

Bluefields.—Large bodies of troops are massing in this vicinity to go to the front.

Managua.—Nobody can find the front.

Panama.—Salvador is ordering up reinforcements. Two regiments dispatched to the relief of forces at the front were forced to make a wide detour to avoid two drunken Americans who were in the middle of the road.

Bluefields.—War has broken out at last. Fierce fighting is reported in the vicinity of Paso de Spada and 30,000 are reported dead. This is considered unfortunate, as the great loss will prevent two of the regiments who have suffered most, from the telegraphic reports, from leaving this place for the scene of action.

A cable from London states that England claims the laziest man. He has been in bed for three months and refuses to get up. When his wife chases him out of the door, he comes in at the window and goes to bed again. And yet they say the English have no humor!

The Truth at Last.

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Commercial Review

Two big deals of extraordinary importance and far-reaching influence have been announced during the past week—one the amalgamation of the Brewer & Co. and W. G. Irwin interests, which has already been consummated; the other the probable amalgamation of the First National Bank and the Bank of Hawaii. The details of these two deals have already been published in the news columns of this paper, so far as details are at present available.

Honokaa-Hamakua Adjustment.

Aside from these deals, one of the most important transactions of the week, as affecting commercial interests, has been the adjustment of the difficulties that have for so long existed between Honokaa plantation and the Hamakua Ditch Company. As more fully related elsewhere in this paper, the two companies have finally got together and settled their difficulties without resorting to the unpleasant expedient of going into court with them. By the terms of the adjustment, Hamakua will have control of all water in the big ditch. Part of the water will go to Paauhau plantation and the rest to Honokaa sugar mill. The four reservoirs, which have been the bone of contention, will be taken over by the plantations at an annual rental. The plantations have an option to purchase all surplus water.

It has also been decided that the upper ditch will be cemented and its capacity probably nearly doubled, insuring the Pacific Sugar Mill, Paauhau and Honokaa of all the water they need for fluming on the upper levels.

The adjustment of the difficulties not only restores friendly relations, but insures a more speedy completion of the lower ditch.

Honokaa Dividend?

There is considerable talk on the street of a Honokaa dividend, probably of about fifteen cents a share, but this is not yet assured. No meeting of the stockholders has yet been called for the purpose of acting in the matter. However, it appears strongly probable that before long Honokaa will declare a dividend.

Big Amalgamation Deal.

The announcement was made the early part of the week that the firm of W. G. Irwin & Co. had been absorbed by Brewer & Co., the latter concern increasing its capital stock sufficiently to exchange stock in the larger corporation for the Irwin stock in the hands of the stockholders of the latter corporation. As a result of the combination, W. G. Irwin retires from active business, and it is anticipated that his example will be followed by W. A. Giffard, who has long been his Honolulu representative and manager.

The big deal was put through on the Coast, E. Faxon Bishop having gone to San Francisco to confer with W. G. Irwin in regard to the matter. Full details of the transaction have not yet been received here, though it is known that Brewer & Co. takes over all the sugar agencies formerly held by Irwin & Co., except that of Hutchinson plantation.

Banks May Combine.

Following closely on the Brewer-Irwin deal, though in no way connected with it, comes the probable combination of the First National Bank and the Bank of Hawaii, preliminary announcement of which was made Friday. This deal has not yet been consummated, but probably will be soon, as the First National has received authorization from Washington to increase its capital stock to a million dollars, which will render possible its absorption of the Bank of Hawaii. It is expected that Cecil Brown will be president of the amalgamated concern, with L. Tenney Peck as the active manager. Clarence Cooke will probably retire from the banking business, it being understood that this is his wish.

Though both big deals excited a great deal of interest and comment on the street and in business circles, neither one created any flurry or had any effect on the stock market, the two amalgamations being regarded merely in the light of economical business arrangements which are not liable to disarrange or affect the business of any other corporations.

Russians at Work.

A. W. Perelstrous and A. L. C. Atkinson, who, as special agents of the board of immigration, last week returned from Manchuria with 212 Russian immigrants, returned yesterday from visiting their proteges on the plantations to which the latter were sent the early part of the week. They report that the new residents of Hawaii are very well satisfied with the arrangements that have been made for their comfort, with the work, their quarters and their prospects, while the plantation managers profess themselves as entirely satisfied with the showing made by the new laborers. The Russians are taking hold of plantation work as if born to it and are already demonstrating that the bringing of them here was a good investment on the part of the board of immigration.

Twelve more Russians—three men, five women and four children—arrived on the China yesterday, being a portion of the original party that was held up temporarily in the Orient on account of certain technicalities. Twelve more will arrive on the Manchuria November 6, and six more on the Chiyu Maru November 11.

Thirty Filipinos came in on the China yesterday and will be despatched to the plantations as soon as possible. The Filipinos, while not regarded as the most desirable of laborers, are said to be doing very well on the plantations to which those who have already arrived have been assigned.

The Stock Market.

The stock market during the week was unusually steady, there being no remarkable fluctuations in prices. While trading was not heavy, it was fairly active, Hawaiian Commercial leading in the number of shares that changed hands. Two blocks of 500 each and one of 400 of this stock were sold at \$3.75, while there were a number of smaller sales at from \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Onomea Active.

An unexpected demand for Onomea developed during the week, several hundred shares changing hands. The trading in this stock pushed it up a bit, the closing price being 61.

Pioneer Advances.

Pioneer was active and the figure gained a week ago yesterday when it rebounded so sharply from the low 48.

ure to which it had been forced by manipulation was considerably bettered. Opening Monday at 183, it quickly advanced to 184.75, and varied between that and 185 the rest of the week, 185 being the closing price yesterday. Confidence in the stock, evidently, was but little affected by the efforts made the previous week to beat it down below normal.

Cheaper Stocks Quiet.

Oahu advanced during the week from 32 to 32.25, the sales, however, not being heavy. Ewa was fairly steady, with a minimum of 31.125 and a maximum of 31.375. Sales of Waiwala were light, the figures being from 117 to 118. Olua was quiescent, several sales being recorded at 5.75. Four-fifty and 4.375 were the prices quoted for McBryde, with only small sales recorded.

Brewery Steady.

Honolulu Brewery was steady at 24, with a considerable number of small sales. Hawaiian Pine fluctuated between 28.125 and 28.50.

The Bond Market.

The bond market was slow during the week, only a few sales being recorded; \$10,000 Hilo R. R. 6s changed hands at 100.25, \$3000 Waiwala 5s at 100.75, and \$1000 California Refining 6s at 101.

Paying Dividends.

With the end of the month the usual and some unusual dividends were declared—always an enjoyable event for stockholders. Nothing new has been heard yet as to the possibility of a Waiwala extra dividend. The dividends announced are to be found below under the subhead, "Dividends."

Stock Transactions.

Oahu—25, 25, 25, 125, 10 @ 32; 100, 10, 70 @ 32.25.

Ewa—25 @ 31.25; 50, 20 @ 31.375; 15, 20, 5, 100, 50, 50 @ 31; 50 @ 31.125.

Waiwala—10, 20 @ 117; 35, 7 @ 118; 50, 75, 25 @ 117.50.

Pioneer—40 @ 183; 25 @ 183.50; 24, 50 @ 184.75; 5, 20 @ 185; 5 @ 184.75; 9 @ 185; 10, 5 @ 184.75; 10, 6, 9, 20, 15 @ 185.

Onomea—129 @ 50; 100, 50, 100 @ 50.75; 10 @ 51.

Hutchinson—50 @ 16.625; 25 @ 17.25.

Olua—85, 15, 100, 15, 55 @ 5.75.

Haw. C. & S.—25, 25 @ 33.50; 500, 400, 500, 10, 8 @ 33.75.

McBryde—15, 135, 25 @ 4.50; 40, 50, 50 @ 4.375.

Honokaa—100, 20, 50, 5 @ 19.25.

Hon. B. & M.—125, 50, 40, 10, 10, 10 @ 24.

O. R. & L.—5 @ 135.

Haw. Agr. Co.—10 @ 230 (8. 5).

Haw. Pine—25 @ 28.25; 20, 5, 25 @ 28.50; 15 @ 28.125.

Waimanalo—20 @ 250.

Bonds.

Hilo R. R. 6s—\$5000, \$5000 @ 100.25.

Waiwala 5s—\$3000 @ 100.75.

Cal. Ref. 6s—\$1000 @ 101.

Dividends.

C. Brewer & Co., 2 per cent.; Ewa, 3 per cent.; Waimanalo, 2 1/2 per cent.; Haw. Elec., 3 1/4 per cent.; Olua, 2 per cent.; Hon. B. & M., 1 per cent.; L. I. S. N., 65c. share; Kahuku, 1 per cent.; Haw. Agr. Co., 2 per cent.; Haw. Pineapple, 1 per cent.

Planters to Meet.

The planters' association will hold a meeting in Honolulu November 12. A large number of the outside managers and sugar men generally will be in town for the meeting.

Hawi Improvements.

It is announced from Kohala that Hawi plantation is putting in an electric-power plant, which will utilize the water from reservoir No. 1 to generate electricity. The capacity of the plant will be 110-horsepower. The power will be carried on wires, on cedar poles, at a voltage of 2200 to Hoeca mill, where it will be transformed to 400 volts and used to pump back to the fields the water used for condensing, which heretofore has been lost. The piping for the pumping will be redwood cedar. Any surplus electricity will be used to run the iceplant, and to light the homes of the employees at Hoeca. The plant will be completed in about three months, and cost about \$10,000.

Real Estate.

Though there have been no remarkably big sales of real estate recorded during the past week, the business has been of an encouraging nature. Several transactions involving amounts running well into the thousands have taken place. One piece of property in Chinatown changed hands during the week for a purchase price of \$12,000; an \$8000 sale up Nuanau has been noted; a house and lot on Kapiolani street sold for \$4500. There have been a considerable number of sales of Kaimuki and Kapiolani tract lots, and various pieces of property in other parts of town have been sold at prices that were encouraging to the real estate men.

The month as a whole has been a good one, with prospects of even more sales and better prices in the future. Prices in general for town property appear to be advancing slowly but steadily, while there is considerable interest being manifested in pineapple land.

New Powers of Attorney Filed.

The Henry Waterhouse Trust Company, Ltd., as attorneys in fact for the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, have filed with the courts and territorial offices and federal offices, new powers of attorney, naming H. W. Mingle, A. N. Campbell, W. B. Castle, D. L. Withington, A. Lewis Jr., W. O. Smith, W. J. Forbes and J. W. Farwell as attorneys in fact, inasmuch as revocation of old powers of attorney was made necessary by death or removal from the islands of several of the persons named in them.

BODY OF ITO REACHES JAPAN

The Battleship Iwate Arrives at Yohantka on Sad Mission.

MET BY HIGH DIGNITARIES

Diplomatic Corps and Nobility Will Meet the Funeral Cortege at Tokio.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, November 1.—The Japanese battleship Iwate, conveying the body of Prince Ito, arrived at Yohantka yesterday. The body was met by Ambassador Inouye, the closest friend of Ito, and by Marquis Katsura, premier of the empire; Mr. Saito and Baron Goto, minister of communications.

The body of the murdered prince will be taken to Tokio on a special train, where the diplomatic corps and the nobility of Japan and foreign governments will be on hand to meet it. The internment will take place November 4. Prince Ito met his death while on a visit to a country which he had long been anxious to see, partly because it was the scene of the great battles of the war with Russia and partly because he wanted to inspect the state of things on the South Manchurian Railway. His position as resident-general for a long time kept him from carrying out his plan of visiting Manchuria, but he was finally able to get away, only to meet his death at the hands of a Korean fanatic.

AGONY OF WRECKED CREW

GALVESTON, Texas, October 9.—The steamship Winifred, Captain Jenkins, came across the waterlogged schooner Kate Feore, early this week, in the gulf 500 miles from land.

The schooner had been adrift for twenty days. For sixteen days the crew had been without food and for several days without water.

The schooner was bound from Mobile to Matanzas, Cuba. A day before the oil steamship picked up the wreck, 350 miles out of its course, one of the crew, Carl Rudolf, died. Another sailor, Will Behrman, was washed overboard.

The schooner sailed from Mobile September 16, was struck by a hurricane in the gulf September 19, disabled and waterlogged after a four-day fight with the